STATE OF MINNESOTA	FINE FO	URTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN		JUVENILE DIVISION
In re: the application of Minnes Juvenile Protection Procedure 3	3.01 T. COURT ADMINISTRACE ORI	ENDED STANDING DER REGARDING TION OF CHIPS AND ANENCY PETITIONS

TO: All parties to matters filed in Hennepin County Juvenile Court under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 260C

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule of Juvenile Protection Procedure 33.01, subdivision 1 was amended in January 2007 to require that if a petition filed in a child protection matter under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 260C, "contains any information under Rule 8.04 that is inaccessible to the public, the petitioner shall file with the court the original petition and a copy of the petition from which the inaccessible information has been redacted;" and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department ("Department") files approximately 1,000 petitions in Hennepin County Juvenile Court annually, each of which must be reviewed and/or redacted under the amended rule; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that it would require in excess of 40-50 hours per month to comply with the amended rule as written; and

WHEREAS, the actual number of requests by members of the public to review the petitions is a small percentage of the number filed; and

WHEREAS, the Department is willing to redact any petition upon notice from Juvenile Court Administration that a request has been received to review a petition; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes that authorizing the Department to redact only those petitions that are requested by a member of the public fulfills the policy rationale for the amended rule and serves the public interest by preventing the unproductive use of scarce public human resources.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

 When Juvenile Court Administration receives a request from a member of the public to review a petition filed by the Department under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 260C, Juvenile Court Administration will contact the Officer of the Day in the Child Protection Division of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office by electronic mail and/or by telephone and request that a copy of the requested petition be redacted, if it meets the requirements of the rule.

- 2. The Department shall file a redacted copy of the requested petition, if the terms of the rule apply, within the same business day or, if the request was made after 3:00 p.m., by noon of the following business day.
- 3. When the Department concludes that a member of the public is likely to request a copy of a petition, the Department shall file a redacted copy of the petition at the same time as it files the unredacted petition or no later than the conclusion of the emergency protective care hearing on the matter.

4. So long as the Department complies with the terms of this order, the Department will be considered in compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Rule of Juvenile Protection Procedure 33.01, subdivision 1.

BY THE COURT:

Kathryn Quaintance

Presiding Judge of District Court

Juvenile Division